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Application No. 10/825,841

**IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application No:	10/825,841	Group Art Unit:	1794
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Title: METHOD OF MAKING A TANTALUM LAYER AND APPARATUS USING A TANTALUM LAYER			

**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed 3 January please reconsider the above-identified application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.111 as follows:

Introductory comments begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

Introductory Comments

Claims 1-53, and 57-61 are pending in the application. Examiner has allowed claim 49. Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-10, 15, 19-26, 29-35, 40-41, 44, 50, 57, and 60-61. Examiner has objected to claims 2, 11-14, 16-18, 27-28, 36-39, 42-43, 45-48, 51-53, and 58-59.

Applicant amends claims 1, 22, 45, 49-50, 52-53, 57, and 60.

Applicant adds new claim 62.

Applicant cancels claims 2, 51, and 58.